# **EXHIBIT "5"**

# **Affidavit of Wayne Kitchens**

#### IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF WEST VIRGINIA, WHEELING DIVISION

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PROGRESSIVE MINERALS LLC.,	§	
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Plaintiff,	§	
V.	§	
••	§	
MUHAMMAD HAROON RASHID,	§	
GERALD D. HENDRIX, DAVID M.	§	CASE NO. 5:07-CV-108
BERNSTEIN, JOHN DOUGLAS	§	
REYNOLDS, JOHN C. CROSBIE, and	Š	
JUDE O'NURKERA,	Š	
GODE O INCIDENCE,	8	
Defendants.	§	

### <u>AFFIDAVIT OF WAYNE KITCHENS</u>

STATE OF TEXAS	)
COUNTY OF Harris	)

BEFORE ME, the undersigned Notary Public, did appear Wayne Kitchens, who is also personally known to me and who did state and testify as follows:

- 1) My name is Wayne Kitchens. I am over the age of 18 and of sound mind. I have personal knowledge of the facts set forth herein and, if called upon, would testify as follows:
- 2) I am a partner with the law firm of Hughes Watters Askanase, LLP in Houston, Texas.
- 3) In August 2006 my firm was retained by David Askanase, the Chapter 11 Trustee in the bankruptcy case of Global Empire Investments & Holdings, LLC which was filed in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas, Houston Division.
  - 4) Consistent with my duties on behalf of the Trustee, I assisted the Trustee

with investigating the acts, conduct, assets, liabilities and financial condition of Global Empire, the operation of its business, the desirability of the continuance of that business and any other matter relevant to the bankruptcy case.

- 5) In the course of my duties as counsel to the Trustee, I was provided with a copy of a PowerPoint presentation and copies of curriculum vitae of certain individuals purportedly associated with Global Empire. Since the description of Global Empire in that document included several affiliated entities with which I was not aware, I sent an email on August 28, 2006 to Richard Fuqua, counsel for Global Empire, and Leonard H. Simon, counsel for Global Empire's CEO Dr. Rashid, requesting further information.
- The very next day I received a reply from Leonard H. Simon, copying all parties to my e-mail, advising me that he was "told by David Bernstein, Dr. Rashid's lawyer in Canada, that this was a business plan that he assisted Dr. Rashid in formulating that never made it past the planning stage." David Bernstein was added by Mr. Simon as a recipient to that e-mail. A copy of that e-mail exchange is attached hereto as Exhibit 1.
- 7) I have no record of Mr. Bernstein nor any other party providing further comment as to the truth of the allegations contained within the e-mail exchange nor do I recall ever receiving same.
- 8) This e-mail exchange and all other electronic communications related to the Global Empire bankruptcy case were stored by me in my regular course of business.
- 9) On December 6, 2006, the Global Empire bankruptcy case was converted to a case under Chapter 7 and I have had no further involvement in that case.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

Executed this United States of America.

United States of America.

under the laws of perjury of the

SWORN AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME ON THIS  $31^{st}$  DAY OF January, 2008.

SANDRA C. OLIVAREZ
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES
January 12, 2009

Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

My commission expires on: 01-12-09

### **EXHIBIT "A"**

#### Schuler, Elliot

From: Wayne Kitchens [WKitchens@hwallp.com]

**Sent:** Tuesday, August 29, 2006 10:28 AM

To: Schuler, Elliot

Subject: FW: Global Empire Powerpoint Presentation

Elliot: See below. This just gets more interesting day by day.

Wayne

From: Leonard H Simon [mailto:lsimon@Pendergraftsimon.com]

**Sent:** Tuesday, August 29, 2006 10:27 AM **To:** Wayne Kitchens; fuqua@fuquakeim.com

Cc: David Askanase; David Bernstein

Subject: RE: Global Empire Powerpoint Presentation

Wayne: I am told by David Bernstein, Dr. Rashid's lawyer in Canada, that this was a business plan that he assisted Dr. Rashid in formulating that never made it past the planning stage.

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From: Wayne Kitchens [mailto:WKitchens@hwallp.com]

**Sent:** Monday, August 28, 2006 5:48 PM **To:** Leonard H Simon; fuqua@fuquakeim.com

Cc: David Askanase

**Subject:** Global Empire Powerpoint Presentation

Gentlemen: Imagine David's surprise when he reviewed the attached and discovered he was the Trustee of a veritable conglomerate.

I suggest we speak after you've reviewed the above with your client. At the very least, David will insist on an accounting of these entities finances and their organizational structure vis-a-vis Global.

#### Wayne

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